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1. Blast furnace No. 1 at the Eisenhütten-Kombinat Ost, (EKO), is to undergo general repairs this summer, even though it has only been in operation a few months. No satisfactory results have yet been shown. Normally a blast furnace should continue in operation 10 to 15 years without general repair.
2. The traffic conditions for freight cars delivering building material for EKO are congested. In March 1952 alone, EKO had to pay the Deutsche Reichsbahn 1.4 million DM East in penalties for loaded cars parked in surrounding railroad stations.
3. EKO is still waiting for the delivery of Duplex-Mono-Gasprüfer. These are recording instruments indicating the composition of gas. The instruments cannot be manufactured in the East Zone, although they are indispensable to the efficient operation of a blast furnace plant. The Zentral Konstruktions Büro is endeavoring to procure instruments [redacted] through the firm's Berlin representative.

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